

# Aerospace Medicine Clerkship – FAQs

- **When can I submit my application?**  
*You may submit your application for the October clerkship between February 15<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> by 11:59 pm CST and for the April clerkship between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> by 11:59 pm CST.*
- **Is the Clerkship ACGME certified?**  
*No, it's not. Most institutions support selected participants by providing a non-clinical or special project rotation.*
- **Are we evaluated for our performance during the clerkship?**  
*Yes, you are. Your mentor(s) will complete an evaluation submitted by your institution.*
- **Can I apply more than once if I am not selected, and is it a common occurrence?**  
*Yes! You can apply again if you are not selected. It is not uncommon for an applicant to re-apply (even multiple times) as it may suit his/her schedule. The application cycles are very competitive, and every cycle is different.*
- **Can I send my application via US Mail or Courier? *\*\*Electronic submissions are preferred via an encrypted email platform via your institution, O365/Outlook/similar encrypted platform to protect your PII\*\****  
*If necessary, you may send your application via US Mail or Courier to:*

Katherine L. McMann

Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center

Mail Code SD222

2101 NASA Parkway

Houston, Texas 77058

- Can I send my application electronically? **\*\*preferred method\*\***

*Yes, you may send your application electronically using a secure encrypted email platform such as Microsoft O365/Outlook, your institution's email platform offering encryption, or another similar platform offering encryption to [Katherine.I.mcmann@nasa.gov](mailto:Katherine.I.mcmann@nasa.gov). Documents should be PDF or Word format.*
- When will I find out if I have been selected, and how will I be notified?

*You will be notified via the email address that you have provided on your application within 4-6 weeks from the application deadline.*
- Can I apply to the clerkship if I am a PA? I read an article about a PA who was able to attend in years past.

*Currently, the clerkship is extended solely to individuals who are on an MD track (4<sup>th</sup>/final year; resident; attending) you are encouraged to look into <https://intern.nasa.gov/> and create an account so that you are aware of upcoming opportunities.*
- Can I apply if I am a 4<sup>th</sup> year D.O. Student or D.O. Resident?

*Yes, you are eligible to apply as long as you meet the other eligibility requirements stated on the website.*
- Can I apply to the clerkship if I am a US citizen attending school outside of the US?

*Yes! You can apply to the clerkship as long as you are a US citizen (to include dual citizenship, Legal Permanent Resident).*

*\*\*As a reminder, if you are selected, you are responsible for all travel, accommodations, and all expenses and MUST be in the U.S. during the entirety of the Clerkship whether the format is virtual or in-person.*

- **What does the schedule look like during the clerkship?**

*You can expect to fully participate in a structured well-planned 40hrs/week (M-F 8a-5p) CST and weekends are your own. The first week is heavy familiarization with JSC, badging, IT, tours(if in-person), briefings, and getting started with your mentor(s) and project work. Weeks 2 and 3 will include briefings and tours and time to work on research. Week 4 is final draft and submission for JSC Graphics' review, evaluations, presentations and tours/briefings. The last Friday is typically wrapping up, checking out, and a shorter day to allow for travel back home (if in-person). Typically the group will organize outings throughout, so you can also partake in gatherings with the group on your own time.*

- **Are there recommendations for lodging and transportation options?**

*JSC has an intern co-op for housing that they allow our group to participate in using, and sharing lodging is highly recommended. Many opt to use websites (such as VRBO and AirBnB, etc). There are also local hotels that are mostly used by military/government participants who do not allow other means. (co-op may not be available due to COVID conditions)*

*Transportation is also your responsibility, and we highly encourage carpooling. While onsite we have what we refer to as “free range” bicycles that you may use only onsite to traverse the campus.*

- **Are there other options for research to participate beyond the clerkship?**

*JSC has official channels to look for additional opportunities, and your research project during the clerkship will not extend beyond the clerkship duration through the Clerkship program. You may find additional opportunities through other channels that could potentially include **similar project work**. [NASA Internships](#) [University of Texas Medical Branch Principles of Aviation and Space Medicine Short course](#).*

**Didn't find the answer you were looking for?**

**Please email Katherine L. McMann [Katherine.l.mcmann@nasa.gov](mailto:Katherine.l.mcmann@nasa.gov)**